BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

2	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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4	In the Matter of:	Case No. 2004-69	
5	DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT 24792 Hidden Hills, #5B		
6	Laguna Niguel, CA 92677		
7	Registered Nurse License No. 263642		
8	Respondent.		
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10	<u>DECISION AND C</u>	ORDER	
11	The attached Stipulated Surrender of Li	icense and Order is hereby adopted by the	
12	Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consume	er Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.	
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14	It is so ORDERED on August 20, 2007.		
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16	This Decision shall become effective or	September 19, 2007	
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19	Ruth Ann Terry, Executive Offi FOR THE BOARD OF REGIST	icer TERED NURSING	
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1 BEFORE THE 2 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4 In the Matter of: Case No. 2004-69 5 DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT STIPULATED SURRENDER OF 24792 Hidden Hills, #5B LICENSE AND ORDER 6 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 7 Registered Nurse License No.263642 8 Respondent. 9 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties that 10 the following matters are true: 11 **PARTIES** 12 1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of 13 the Board of Registered Nursing, who brought this action solely in her official capacity. 14 2. DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT (Respondent), is a probationary registered 15 nurse. 16 **JURISDICTION** 17 3. On June 2, 2005, the Board of Registered Nursing adopted Stipulated 18 Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2004 - 69, which became effective on July 5, 2005. The 19 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order requires, inter alia, the respondent to serve a three-20 year probation term that includes Probation Conditions # 1 through # 14. The Stipulated 21 Settlement and Disciplinary Order is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. 22 Condition #13 of the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order allows 23 the Board of Registered Nursing to accept the surrender of the respondent's license if he ceases 24 practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of 25 probation. 26 27

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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 4. Respondent has carefully read and understands Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2004-69. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and understands that this Stipulated Settlement, if accepted by the Board, is considered as formal discipline of his license.
- 5. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to accept the surrender of his Registered Nurse License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 6. The Respondent understands and agrees that by signing this Stipulated Settlement, that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the date it becomes effective. If the Board declines to accept this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Order shall be of no force or effect.
- 7. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 8. In consideration of the foregoing stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

- IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 263642, issued to Respondent DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT, is surrendered and the surrender is accepted by the Board of Registered Nursing.
- 9. The surrender of Respondent's Registered Nurse License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 10. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Registered Nurse in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

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- 11. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his wall and pocket license certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 12. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed.
- by the Board, Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$1,000.00 which is the amount currently owed pursuant to Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2004-69 (Exhibit A). If the reinstatement of Respondent's license is granted, Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board.
- 14. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for two (2) years from the effective date of the Board of Registered Nursing's Decision and Order.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 7-17-07

DENNIS EDWARD RIGHT Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully accepted by Ruth Ann Terry, Executive Officer for the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 811107

RUTH ANN TERRY Executive Officer

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

EXHIBIT "A"

Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2004-69

BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2004-69

DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT 24792 HIDDEN HILLS, # 5B LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

Registered Nurse License No. 263642

Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as it's Decision in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on JULY 5, 2005.

IT IS SO ORDERED JUNE 2, 2005.

President

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

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10	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
11	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA	
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2004-69	
13	DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND	
14	24792 Hidden Hills, #5B Laguna Niguel, California 92677 DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
15	Registered Nurse License No. 263642		
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17	Respondent.	•	
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19		AGREED by and between the parties to the	
20	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
21	PARTIES 1 Parth Ann Town M.D.H. D.N. G.		
22	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive Officer		
23	of the Board of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity, and		
24	is represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, through		
25	Timothy L. Newlove, Deputy Attorney General. 2. Respondent DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT (Respondent) is representing		
26	2. Respondent DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT (Respondent) is representing himself in this matter.		
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3. On March 31, 1976, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued Registered Nurse License number 263642 to respondent BRIGHT. This license will expire on November 30, 2005, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. On September 9, 2003, Accusation No. 2004-69, was filed before the Board and is currently pending against respondent BRIGHT. The Accusation, together with all other statutorily required documents, were properly served on respondent on October 7, 2003. On October 21, 2003, respondent filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A true and correct copy of the Accusation in Case No. 2004-69 is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by this reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent BRIGHT has carefully read and understands the charges and allegations in the Accusation, Case No. 2004-69. Respondent has also carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent BRIGHT is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act, and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent BRIGHT voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent BRIGHT admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in the Accusation, Case No. 2004-69.
- 9. Respondent BRIGHT agrees that his Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline, and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by respondent BRIGHT herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Registered Nursing or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- approval by the Board. Respondent BRIGHT understands and agrees that the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing and counsel for Complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Stipulated Settlement, without notice to or participation by respondent. By signing the Stipulated Settlement, respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the agreement prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulated Settlement as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License number 263642, issued to respondent DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT, is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent's Registered Nurse License is placed on probation to the Board for three

(3) years on the following terms and conditions.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE - Each term and condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct term and condition. If any term and condition of this Disciplinary Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each term and condition of this Disciplinary Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by the respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this term, respondent shall submit completed fingerprint cards and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the Decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process. Respondent shall submit a recent 2" x 2" photograph of herself within 45 days of the effective date of the final Decision.

Criminal Court Orders: If respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with the Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. Report in Person. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
 - 4. Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State. Periods of

 residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he resides outside of California. The respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where he has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if he applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. Submit Written Reports. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which he has a registered nurse license and/or public health nurse certificate.

Provide Decision - Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which he has a registered nurse license and/or public health nurse certificate.

6. Function as a Registered Nurse. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and the respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of the respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to his employer and immediate supervisor(s) prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after he obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after he is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment, with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours respondent works.
- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-person communication with respondent at least twice during each shift worked.
- (d) Home Health Care If respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person communication with respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by the respondent with or without respondent present.
- 9. Employment Limitations. Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined

worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If the respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at his own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six months prior to the end of his probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$1,000. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of the respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. Violation of Probation. If respondent violates the conditions of his probation, the Board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of respondent's license.

If, during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against respondent's license, the

probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. License Surrender. During respondent's term of probation, if he ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, respondent may surrender his license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- 1. Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
 - 2. One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.
- 14. Therapy or Counseling Program. Respondent, at his expense, shall participate in an ongoing counseling program until such time as the Board releases him from this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor will be required at various intervals.

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ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the Stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License number 263642. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing. Respondent <u>ENDORSEMENT</u> The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully BRIGHT.

submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs in resolution of the Accusation, Case No. 2004-69, against DENNIS EDWARD

DATED: FEB 24, 2005

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California

Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A Accusation No. 2004-69

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10	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2004-69	
13	DENNIS EDWARD BRIGHT 25 Coral Sea		
14	Laguna Niguel, CA 92677	ACCUSATION	
15	Registered Nurse License No. 263642		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	<u>PARTIE</u>	<u>S</u>	
20	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in		
21	her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of		
22	Consumer Affairs.		
23	2. On or about March 31, 1976, the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") issued		
24	registered nurse license number 263642 to Dennis Edward Bright ("respondent"). The registered		
25	nurse license will expire on November 30, 2003, unless renewed.		
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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 3. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 4. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
 - 5. Section 2761 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."
- 6. Section 490 of the Code provides that:

"A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request an administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction)

- 8. On or about September 16, 2002, in the United States District Court, Central District of California, in case number SA CR 01-43(A)-AHS, entitled United States of America v. Dennis Edward Bright, respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty to five counts of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (mail fraud) and 18 U.S.C. § 2 (causing an act to be done). Respondent was sentenced to 27 months in prison and ordered to make restitution to his victims. Complainant is informed and believes that respondent is still incarcerated at the time of filing this Accusation.
- 9. Respondent's conduct, as more particularly set forth in paragraph 8 above, violated Code sections 490 and 2761(f) in that respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered nurse. The facts and circumstances underlying those convictions are set forth in the First Superseding Indictment in United States District Court case number SA CR 01-43(A)-AHS, a copy of which is attached to this Accusation as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at this point.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending registered nurse license number 263642, issued to respondent;

2. Ordering respondent to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

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Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3.

DATED:

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

Complainant

Exhibit A

First Superseding Indictment Case No. SA CR 01-43(A)-AHS

FILED CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT APR 2 4 2002 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Mail Fraud;

Causing An Act

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

October 2001 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

SA CR 01-43(A)-AHS

12 Plaintiff,

v.

The Grand Jury charges:

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14 DENNIS BRIGHT,

[18 U.S.C. § 1341: 18 U.S.C. § 2:

Defendant.

To Be Done]

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INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Indictment, defendant DENNIS BRIGHT ("BRIGHT") owned and operated businesses known as Advanced Medical Research ("AMR"), Advanced Medical Technologies ("AMT"), Rx-Technix Labs ("RTL"), Health Research Institute ("HRI") and Pacific Labs (referred to Collectively as more veren that the foregoing discuss it is a fall, true med cons of the or gion on the m Bright companies").

COUNTS ONE THROUGH FOURTEEN

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 2]

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At all times relevant to this Indictment, the Bright companies were based in Orange County and purportedly offered nurses the opportunity to earn substantial income working at home processing medical surveys.

В. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

- Beginning in or about July 1997, and continuing until at least December 1999, in the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendant BRIGHT knowingly devised, participated in, and executed a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and by the concealment of material facts.
- Defendant BRIGHT carried out the scheme to defraud in 4. the following manner:
- Defendant BRIGHT, and others acting at his direction, placed advertisements in newspapers and other publications throughout the United States seeking nurses to evaluate medical surveys.
- b. At defendant BRIGHT's direction, nurses who responded to these advertisements received letters from one of the Bright companies offering the opportunity to work at home processing health surveys in return for payment of an initial registration fee.
- The letters sent by AMR, AMT, and HRI at defendant BRIGHT's direction to prospective nurse participants falsely represented:
- (1) medical surveys for the nurse to process would come directly from either AMR, AMT, or HRI;

- (2) the nurse would receive either \$20 (HRI) or \$30 (AMR and AMT) directly from the company for each survey processed;
 - (3) the nurse would "sell nothing;" and
- (4) the surveys were part of a "medically supervised clinical trial" being conducted by AMR, AMT, or HRI.
- d. The letters sent by RTL at defendant BRIGHT's direction to prospective nurse participants falsely represented (1) the nurse would receive \$30 for each survey processed; and (2) the surveys were part of a "medically supervised clinical trial" being conducted by RTL. The letters failed to disclose that participating nurses would be required to sell weight loss products to earn the income promised by RTL.
- e. The letters sent by Pacific Labs at defendant BRIGHT's direction to prospective nurse participants falsely represented the nurse would receive \$45 from Pacific Labs for processing medical surveys. The letters failed to disclose that participating nurses would be required to sell weight loss products to earn the income promised by Pacific Labs.
- f. Defendant BRIGHT used false names in the letters sent by the Bright companies to prospective nurse participants.
- 5. In fact, as defendant BRIGHT knew, the Bright companies were not conducting any medically supervised clinical trials. In addition, as defendant BRIGHT knew, the participating nurses were required to sell weight loss products. Finally, as defendant BRIGHT knew, the medical surveys, as well as payment for processing them, would not come from one of the Bright

companies, but rather would come from the third persons to whom the nurse sold the weight loss products.

By deceiving victims into sending money based on the above false representations, defendant BRIGHT caused over 9400 victims to lose approximately \$613,575.

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On or about the dates listed below, within the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendant BRIGHT, for the purpose of carrying out the fraudulent scheme described above, knowingly caused the items described below to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter, and to be sent and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service according to the directions thereon:

14	COUNT	<u>DATE</u>	DESCRIPTION
15	ONE	5/8/1998	Check for \$65 from Carrie Rose of Saratoga, CA to AMR
16	TWO .	5/16/1998	Check for \$65 from Stacy Berkowitz
17			of Sacramento, CA to AMR
18	THREE	5/29/1998	Check for \$65 from Katherine Coats of Phoenixville, PA to AMR
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20	FOUR	6/10/1998	Check for \$65 from Phyllis Erskine of Spring Hill, FL to AMR
21	FIVE	6/22/1998	Check for \$65 from Connie Hamill of Edgewood, NM to AMR
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23	SIX	8/1/1998	Check for \$65 from Alberta Brescia of Staten Island, NY to AMT
24	SEVEN	8/19/1998	Check for \$65 from Dyan Billal of Aliso Viejo, CA to AMT
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26	EIGHT	10/3/1998	Check for \$65 from Robin Rein of Baltimore, MD to AMT
27	NINE	9/4/1998	Check for \$68 from Renee Morton of Manhattan, KS to RTL
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1	COUNT	DATE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
2	TEN	10/8/1998	Check for \$65 from Kimberly Crosby of Birmingham, AL to RTL
4	ELEVEN	8/11/1997	Check for \$65 from Linda Meixner of San Diego, CA to Health Research Institute
6	TWELVE	1/20/1998	Check for \$65 from Lisa Scata of Goffstown, NH to Health Research Institute
7 8	THIRTEEN	3/26/1999	Check for \$68 from Nancy Kaukola of Maple Grove, MN to Pacific Labs
9 10	FOURTEEN	4/24/1999	Check for \$68 from Kathy House of Philadelphia, PA to Pacific Labs
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